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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CURRENT CONDITIONS IN EL SALVADOR

1. AS WE CONSIDER OUR NEXT DEMARCHE TO GOES RE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, WITH PARTICULAR PERTINENCE TO OUR POSITION ON THE IDB LOAN FOR SAN LORENZO PROJECT, WE WOULD FIND USEFUL EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT CONDITIONS IN EL SALVADOR WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING: EMBASSY RESPONSE BY AUGUST 17 WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

-- POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DUE PROCESS OF LAW: ARE THERE ANY POLITICAL PRISONERS I.E., PERSONS ARRESTED FOR THEIR VIEWS OR ASSOCIATIONS RATHER THAN CRIMINAL ACTS, AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY CAN ASCERTAIN? IF SO, HOW MANY? ARE THERE ARBITRARY ARRESTS (I.E. WITHOUT DUE PROCESS) AND DETENTIONS STILL OCCURRING, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TOOK OVER ON JULY 2? IF SO, HOW MANY?

-- EXCESSES OF SECURITY FORCES: WHAT INDICATIONS OR AC-
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TIONS DEMONSTRATE EFFORT OF PRESIDENT ROMERO TO CURB UNWARRANTED INTIMIDATION OR ABUSES BY SECURITY FORCES, SUCH AS THOSE CONNECTED WITH AGUILARES? HAVE THERE BEEN ABUSES SINCE JULY 1? TO WHAT EXTENT, AS FAR AS THE

EMBASSY IS AWARE, ARE SUCH EXCESSES THE RESULT OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS RATHER THAN OFFICIAL GOES ATTITUDE AND POLICY?

-- SECURITY OF CLERGY: HAS THE GOES DONE ABOUT ALL THAT
COULD BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO PROTECT THE JESUITS?
WHAT ACTIONS ARE THE GOES TAKING TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE
OVERALL CLIMATE OR ATTITUDE RE CLERGYMEN IN EL SALVADOR?
CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY TOLD DERIAN RURAL CLERGY
WERE STILL BEING HARASSED. HOW, HOW OFTEN, AND BY WHOM?
IS ARCHBISHOP ROMERO STILL REFUSING TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT'S
INVITATION TO VISIT HIM TO INITIATE DIALOGUE?

-- POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND EXILES: WHAT EFFORTS ARE
BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL OPPOSITION?
HOW MANY POLITICAL EXILES HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF
PRESIDENT ROMERO'S STANCE THAT SALVADORANS IN EXILE CAN
RETURN? WHAT RESPONSE HAVE HIS OVERTURES RECEIVED?
DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE JAILED OR HARASSED IF
THEY ACCEPTED HIS OVERTURES?

2. ASIDE FROM RESPONSES TO ABOVE, HOW ELSE HAS THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION CHANGED SINCE BEFORE JULY 1? DID LIFTING
OF STATE OF SIEGE ON JULY 1 MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE?

3. YOUR ENUMERATION AND EVALUATION OF PRESIDENT ROMERO'S
STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS ON THESE MATTERS WILL PROVIDE
INSIGHT INTO THE PROSPECTS FOR GOES ATTITUDES IN FUTURE
AND CONCOMITANT IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS
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